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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed May 12, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

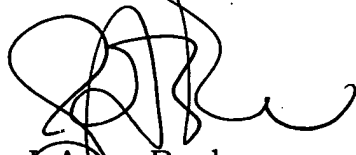
This patent expired at midnight February 20, 2011, for failure to pay the 3½ year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The application file does not indicate a change of address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. A change of address should be filed in this case in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the addresses noted on the petition. However, until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed solely to the address of record.

Petitioners' will not receive future correspondence related to maintenance fees for the patent unless a "Fee Address" Indication Form (see PTO/SB/47) and Request for Customer Number (see PTO/SB/125) are submitted.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JoAnne Burke', written over the printed name.

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